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Last week we spoke of our exclusive makes of Smoking Jackets. We now wish to refer to suit cases, Umbrellas and Hats, either may be selected now before the rush and exchanged after Xmas if necessary. We take pleasure in pleasing customers.

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THE BEE HIVE

TOO LATE NOW FOR ARBITRATION

Minister Bowen to Act as Mediator Between Republic and Allies.

CONFER VIA WASHINGTON

Rash Act of Sinking Fleet and Subsequent Reprisals Have Developed Real War Conditions.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A cablegram received at the state department today from Minister Bowen at Caracas states that the Venezuelan government has requested him to propose to Great Britain and Germany that the differences arising out of the claims for alleged damages and injuries to British and German subjects during the civil war be submitted to arbitration.

In conformity with the understanding already reached with the representatives of the British and German governments here this afternoon, the proposition from President Castro will be fully laid before the governments the state department acting merely as a channel of communication. Not much hope is entertained of the favorable reception of the proposition, as it is felt that the difficulty has progressed too far for a settlement by the peaceful methods of arbitration.

The reprisals made by the Venezuelans for the destruction of their navy, in the arrest of British and German subjects, have developed the relations of the countries into those of real war, although, technically, the principals prefer to designate it as something less. In doing so Great Britain and Germany are simply following the course taken during the war with China, when, notwithstanding the allied fleet captured Taku and destroyed a number of Chinese naval vessels, no declaration of war was forthcoming.

LUXURY OF REVOLUTIONS

Landsdowne Thinks Harmony Would Prevail Were Wars Less.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Foreign Secretary Landsdowne was the principal guest at the annual banquet of the United club given tonight in London. In a speech the foreign secretary said he did not hear that in any part of the world was Great Britain open to the charge of bearing inveterate antipathy to anyone, not even to Venezuela.

"If that republic," said Lord Landsdowne, "would desist from committing outrages upon British subjects and British property, if she would pay her just debts and if she would reply to diplomatic representations made her in perfectly courteous language, there would be no need whatever of any quarrel."

"I might add," said the foreign secretary, "that Venezuela should be content to put herself on moderate allowance in the matter of revolutions. In less than 70 years Venezuela has indulged in the luxury of 104 revolutions. Three revolutions in two years seems to be altogether unreasonable."

FRANCE WILL PROTEST

Seizing of Venezuelan Customs Is Opposed to Her Interests.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—If there is an attempt to possess the receipts of all the customs of Venezuela on the part of Great Britain and Germany a protest may naturally be expected to follow from France, which holds claims aggregating more than the combined claims of England and Germany, and Venezuela it is understood has already arranged for their payment on an installment plan out of customs receipts, an arrangement that might be disturbed by the British and German seizure of the customs.

It is evident here now that the allies have been obliged to proceed against Venezuela far beyond the point of the original program.

Correspondence shows that there was not the least apprehension that Castro, in his resistance, would make it necessary for Great Britain and Germany to go beyond a peaceful blockade and it is the understanding that London and Berlin authorities now are obliged to prepare a new program for execution in case Bowen's efforts at arbitration fail.

ORDERS WERE TO CAPTURE

No Instructions Given Commander to Sink Venezuelan Vessels.

BERLIN, Dec. 12.—As a result of the inquiries made regarding the reported sinking of Venezuelan vessels off La Guayra, the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed that the orders given to German and British com-

manders were to capture vessels before the beginning of a blockade. No orders were given to sink them. If, however, any vessel had been sunk, it was a military measure necessary in carrying out the orders.

THREATEN BOMBARDMENT.

Foreign Residents Take Refuge on Board Allied Ships.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Willemstad, Curacao, says the foreign residents of Puerto Cabello are taking refuge on board the German cruiser Vineta and the British cruiser Adriane, and that those vessels threaten to bombard the port.

SITUATION REASSURING

Not Believed That Anticipated Troubles Will Transpire.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—The Venezuelan crisis is regarded less seriously here this morning. Lord Landsdowne's speech is held to show that the situation is in no way alarming and the opinion is expressed that while President Castro's request for arbitration has come too late, this step on his part is welcomed as a proof of his anxiety to withdraw from his position.

PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING ADOPTED BY VENEZUELA

All Able-bodied Men Who Do Not Enlist Will Be Treated As Traitors.

CARACAS, Dec. 12.—The government has taken preservative measures at La Guayra. All the deposits of coal at the navy yard and all the British cars on the La Guayra railroad have been brought here, rendering impossible the transportation of the allied troops by rail. General Ferr, the minister of war, spent all day today in choosing spots in the mountains where trenches are to be dug. The governor of Caracas has issued the following decree: "All the Venezuelans living in the federal district, between the ages of 18 and 50 years, must enroll themselves in the militia. Any such person refusing to enroll voluntarily, as patriotism demands, will be declared traitors and sent before the tribunals."

Yesterday, after a long conference with President Castro, United States Minister Bowen obtained an order for the liberation of the remaining British and German subjects who are held prisoners, and an hour later all had been released. Minister Bowen and Secretary of Legation Russell went to jail five times and assisted the poor colored British subjects and those who were ill. The order for the release of the prisoners has made a good impression and is looked upon as a political act on the part of President Castro.

Every one in Caracas believes the situation to be desperate and threatens war unless Minister Bowen succeeds in having the matters in dispute submitted to arbitration. It is said on the authority of an official letter to President Castro that the president has allowed Minister Bowen to communicate with the Berlin and London governments through the state department at Washington, this being the only hope of avoiding a serious conflict. It is reported that the plan of the British and German forces is to secure the forts of La Guayra and Porto Cabello.

It is stated on good authority that the Venezuelan government has asked United States Minister Bowen to act as arbitrator in the controversy with Great Britain and Germany. The English telephone office here has been seized.

CASTRO IS TOO AMBITIOUS.

Autocratic Conduct Of President Not Approved by Progressive Class.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Miguel Alma Pietro Gonzalez, a merchant of Caracas, Venezuela, who is on a business trip through the United States, has arrived in Chicago. In an interview last night he said:

"President Castro is a man of abnormal ambition and believes that some day he will be the Diaz of Venezuela. It is said to be his ambition to bring about a union of the South American republics and to place himself at the head of it."

"He evidently thinks that the United States will side with him in the present imbroglio and, if necessary, will support his operations against England and Germany."

"The conservative people in Venezuela are strongly opposed to his aggressive policy. The radical element, however, is with him in the belief that Venezuela is powerful enough to resist England and Germany."

SPAIN WANTS WARSHIPS

Report That Offer Has Been Made to Purchase Chilean Vessels.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—The Herald's Valparaiso correspondent says it is reported that Spain has offered to purchase the two new Chilean battleships and one cruiser, but the government has kept the offer, if there has been one, secret.

MANY THOUSANDS ARE DISAPPOINTED

Attempt to Lay Cable Creates Confusion and Ends in Failure.

WILL TRY AGAIN MONDAY

Hawser Strikes President Mackay in the Face and Injures Others—Team Plunges Through Crowd.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—An unsuccessful attempt was made today to lay the shore end of the Pacific cable. A strong, unfavorable tide was the chief cause of the non-success. Fully 25,000 people gathered at the beach, one-half of them school children, to witness the beginning of the cable laying. The big steamer Silvertown, with 2500 miles of cable on board, anchored near the point where the cable was to be landed. A life-saving crew started out to get the rope attached to the cable and a boat drawn by horses of the life-saving station galloped down into the surf.

The boat was shot from its carriage into the water. There was a cheer from the crowd and that cheer scared the horses. The team broke away from the driver, with boat and carriage dragging after, and plunged into a crowd of men and children. Several children were knocked over in the wild scramble.

After several attempts the life-saving crew succeeded in getting ashore a hawser to which was attached the cable. It was impossible to draw the hawser ashore through the strong tide. Before the attempt was abandoned for the day a number of men took hold of the hawser for a final pull. The hawser flew up and struck Clarence Mackay on the chin and carried him off his feet. George W. McNear, a prominent grain exporter of this city, was hit on the head and rendered unconscious. Frank Hotaling of New York was struck in the face and George Fraser, a photographer, was hit in the face. Another trial will be made Monday.

NOT OUR QUARREL

Action of England and Germany Does Not Effect Monroe Doctrine.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Professor Henry Wade Rogers, who now holds the chair of constitutional law in Yale university, is of the opinion that Great Britain and Germany have not violated the Monroe doctrine in the present disagreement with Venezuela, says the Herald's New Haven correspondent.

Professor Rogers was formerly president of the Northwestern university and prior to that was the dean of the law department of the University of Chicago.

In commenting on the Venezuelan situation he said: "The United States has not at any time asserted the right to interfere for the protection of any of the South American states against the demands of a European nation seeking the payment of claims. On the contrary, our government has again and again disclaimed any right to interfere in such cases."

NO PLAGUE IN CALIFORNIA.

Report of Government Representative Says No Bubonic.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—The Call says that Dr. A. H. Glennon, the accredited representative of the United States government, is preparing a report to Surgeon-General Wyman of the marine hospital service at Washington, D. C., to the effect that there has never been bubonic plague in California. Dr. Glennon's report will go further and declare that after a thorough and exhaustive investigation the bacillus supposed to be of the plague is that of chicken cholera, a comparatively harmless disease.

MRS. ROOSEVELT ENTERTAINS

First Prominent Social Function of the Season at White House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Mrs. Roosevelt received Washington society this afternoon at a tea given in the White House. It was the first large social function of the winter's season tendered at the executive mansion.

NAVAL MEN HONORED.

Monthly Banquet Given by Order in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Rear-Admiral E. H. Gheen, in charge of the United States hydrographic bureau, and Cap-

tain W. H. Jacques, president of the Holland Submarine Construction company of Boston, were the guests of honor at the monthly banquet of the Illinois Commandery Naval Order of the United States, at the Hamilton club last night. Commander Lucien Young, U. S. N., presided. Admiral Gheen and Captain Jacques gave interesting reminiscences of the Civil and Spanish-American wars and several other members also contributed to the entertainment.

OBTAIN LARGE BOOTY

Robbers Raid Bank Where Big Deposits Had Been Made.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 12.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Santa Fe, N. M., says:

A report reached Santa Fe this afternoon that a private bank of Hillsboro, Sierra county, was held up Wednesday afternoon by robbers who escaped with considerable booty, as but a short time before cattlemen had deposited some \$30,000.

The deed was done in broad daylight. The robbers made for the northern part of the county. A sheriff's posse is in pursuit.

RUHLIN WILL FIGHT

Alron Giant Prepared to Meet Anything Going.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Robert Fitzsimmons' recent announcement that he is ready to fight again has brought forth a quick reply from Billy Madden, manager of Gus Ruhlin. Madden says Fitzsimmons can meet Ruhlin and get \$2500 from the Penn Athletic club of Philadelphia for a six round bout. The offer also holds good for Jeffries.

PENSION BILLS CONSIDERED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—The house devoted today to the consideration of private pension bills. The calendar was cleared, 173 bills being passed.

A bill to appropriate \$1,000,000 for the eradication of the foot and mouth disease in New England was made a special order for next Tuesday.

BARRETT LOSES PROPOSED PLUM

Oregon Diplomat Cannot Accept the Tendered Japan Mission.

OTHER DUTIES AN EXCUSE

Present Representative to Persia Is Expected to Succeed Late Minister Buck.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Senator Mitchell had a conference with President Roosevelt today regarding John Barrett, and it has been definitely decided that Barrett is not to be minister to Japan. He has been communicated with by cable and the situation explained. He will decline the tender of the place, which will leave the president free to make another choice. Barrett's excuse will be previous engagements with the St. Louis Exposition association. Japan has not generally objected, but it was very plain that somebody else would be more acceptable.

Secretary Hay has received a cablegram from Barrett, dated Calcutta, today, stating that he regarded it his duty to continue his connection with the St. Louis exposition, and therefore declining the Japanese mission which had been tendered him. It is understood that Lloyd Griscom Jr., now minister to Persia, who was charge d'affaires at Constantinople, will be the successor to the late Minister Buck.

COLLEGIANS DEBATE

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 12.—The Cornell-Pennsylvania debate tonight was won by Pennsylvania.

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